

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2010 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 13-25 are pending in this application, where claims 1, 4, 11, 14, 18 and 20 are independent.

In the office action, the Examiner objected to the specification for a certain informality. In response, the specification has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 4 for certain informality. In response, claim 4 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 4 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 and 13-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action and in the interest of advancing prosecution,

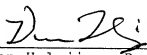
claims 1, 4, 11, 14, 18 and 20-21 have been amended for better conformance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would have no trouble understanding from the specification and drawings that the inventor, at the time of the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention as recited in claims 1-11 and 13-25, as amended, such as described on page 4, lines 14-18; page 5, lines 4-7; page 6, lines 14-22; and page 11, lines 4-9; and FIG 2, for example. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1-11 and 13-25 re allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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